***A View from the Bridge***

**Answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

**p. 3-11**

1. Who is the narrator of the play?
2. What is the setting of the play?
3. Where does Eddie work?
4. What nationality are the people who live in Red Hook?
5. Who lives with Eddie?
6. Why is Eddie worried about Catherine’s heels and what she wears?
7. What news does Eddie have for Beatrice?
8. Beatrice tells Eddie that her cousins will sleep on the floor. Why doesn’t Eddie believe her?
9. When Beatrice’s father’s house burned down, where did Eddie sleep?
10. What news does Catherine have for Eddie?

Draw a picture of how the stage is set up. (re-read p. 3 for the setup directions)

**p. 12-20**

1. Where is Catherine’s new job?
2. How much is she going to get paid?
3. Where does Eddie want Catherine to work?
4. How does Beatrice feel about the job offer for Catherine?
5. *“The less you trust, the less you be sorry”* (15). Explain in your own words.
6. What is a “stool pigeon”?
7. Who was Vinny Bolzano?
8. What happened to Vinny?

**p. 20-29**

1. Who brings Marco and Rodolpho to Eddie’s house?
2. What work did Marco do in Italy?
3. Is Marco married? Does he have any children?
4. Why did Marco come to America?
5. Is Rodolpho married?
6. Does Rodolpho want to go back to Italy?
7. Rodolpho starts to sing Paper Doll. One of the lines is, *“And it’s tough to love a doll that’s not your own”* (27). Explain this line and relate it to Eddie and Catherine.

**p. 30-41**

1. Name 4 reasons why Eddie doesn’t like Rodolpho.
2. What does Beatrice mean when she states, *“When am I gonna be a wife again, Eddie?”* (31).
3. Mike seems to dislike Rodolpho and Marco. Why is that?
4. Catherine tells Eddie that she loves Rodolpho. But Eddie tells Catherine that “*he’s only bowin’ to his passport”* (37). Explain this line.
5. Does Beatrice want Catherine to get married? Why?
6. Do you believe that Beatrice is jealous of Eddie and Catherine’s relationship? Why? (give examples)

**p. 42-50**

1. Why does Eddie go to see Alfieri? What proof does he have?
2. What advice does Alfieri give to Eddie? How does he feel about the advice?

**p. 51-56**

1. What does Eddie teach Rodolpho?
2. What happens during the “fight”?
3. What challenge does Marco give to Eddie? What is the outcome?
4. Explain the following quotation: *“Marco is face to face with Eddie, a strained tension gripping his eyes and jaw, his neck stiff, the chair raised like a weapon over Eddie’s head – and he transforms what might appear like a glare of warning into a smile of triumph, and Eddie’s grin vanishes as he absorbs his look” (56).*

**p. 57-64**

1. After they get married, where does Catherine want to live?
2. Does Rodolpho want to live in Italy? Why?
3. If they had to go to Italy, would Rodolpho still want to marry her? Why?
4. Catherine wants Rodolpho to tell Eddie that he would live in Italy with Catherine if they had to. Why?
5. When Eddie sees Rodolpho come out of Catherine’s bedroom, what does Eddie tell him?
6. Why does Eddie kiss Catherine?
7. Why does Eddie kiss Rodolpho?
8. Explain the following quotation: *“Watch your step, submarine. By rights they oughta throw you back in the water” (64).*

**p. 64-75**

1. Who does Eddie call? Why?
2. Where have Marco and Rodolpho moved to?
3. When are Catherine and Rodolpho getting married? Why so soon?
4. Who else is upstairs with Marco and Rodolpho?
5. Eddie is telling Catherine that she needs to get Marco and Rodolpho out of the house when they hear a knock on the door. Who is it?
6. What happens to Rodolpho and Marco?

**p. 76-86**

1. Why does Marco spit in Eddie’s face?
2. As Marco is being taken away by the officers, he screams, *“That one! He killed my children! That one stole food from my children!”* (77). What does he mean?
3. How do people in the neighborhood treat Eddie?
4. Alfieri promises to get Marco out of prison if Marco promises what?
5. Can Marco stay in America?
6. Can Rodolpho stay in America?
7. Rodolpho and Beatrice want Eddie to leave the house because Marco is coming. Does Eddie feel like he is danger? Is he right or wrong?
8. Rodolpho apologizes to Eddie but what is the only thing that Eddie wants?
9. When Marco arrives, Eddie says, *“I want my name, Marco”* (84). What does he mean?
10. Marco and Eddie begin to fight. Describe the fight.
11. What are Eddie’s last words? Who was his one true love?